

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER TABLE SERIES

RECIPE FOR MENTAL DYSPEPSIS, AND A CURE FOR HYPOCHONDRIA, HYPOCHONDRIASIS, OR ANY COMPLAINT OF A HYPOCHONDRIAC.

BY OUR SERIES EDITOR. ALMANAC AND DIARY. MOST METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK.

January. Monday, 21.—Opening of the Drawing Academy at Chicago. Over 200,000 people practice drawing at the Crosby Art Association, in trying to draw the Crosby Opera House.

Tuesday, 22.—Picnic at a skating rink in the lower part of the city. The proprietor, in trying to accommodate his patrons, "went the whole hog."

Wednesday, 23.—Attack at Washington of a Southern Congressman on Governor Cummings, inaugurating the "Union as it was."

Thursday, 24.—Meeting of the City Mythic Myth Smith ran away with the "salt Bill" of that body, leaving them knee-deep in their official slush.

Friday, 25.—Harris' eating anniversary throughout the land. The Scotch fry and smoky whisky in honor of their Burns.

Saturday, 26.—SERIES COLUMB DAY. The Editor not having drawn the Crosby Opera House, will not remove to Chicago, but will continue drawing at his old stand.

PETITION. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:—Your humble servants, your petitioners, do most humbly beg of your body that you pass an ordinance to prevent our owners and masters from selling our daily walk over the corporated railways of this city; that by reason of such doings our feet become as cold as the heart of the cruellest driver, and our hoofs as soft as the head of a nigger-hating conductor; that no one takes thought of our poor soles, which the blacksmith pares to the quick, when we are reshod. Our tails also, by not being properly waterfalled up, become impregnated, and so painful that their existence is a continual tail of wo, and our greatest qualities now are our saline qualities, and your petitioners will ever neigh, etc.

Signed by the MARE of the Second and Third streets stables. And fourteen other old horses, too tedious to mention.

THE OPERA SEASON. We have the pleasure to-day, through the kindness of our many patrons, in presenting a copy of the chief prizes to the Crosby Art Association. Many of them were sent to us by our correspondents, with a few appropriate remarks. There seems to be a vein of disappointment among many of them that they did not get the Opera House, as they had every reason to expect they would. The first is from a very indignant gentleman:—

Mr. Series Editor:—I gave my wife \$5.00 to purchase a ticket to the Crosby Opera House drawing, which she said she did, and laid it away in her drawer, and we never thought of looking at it until I saw the crowd around your office last Monday, awaiting the prizes. I immediately rushed home, and Mary not being in, I took it out of the bureau, when, to my disgust, I found the ticket to read when:—

COOKING ACADEMY, PROFESSOR BLOT. Good for One Lesson.

This ticket, I suppose, cost 2 cents, and Mrs. Quiller had confiscated the \$4.75 change towards a new bonnet. I have no doubt, my grief at this breach of trust (to use the mildest possible term) is almost overwhelming, for had she bought the ticket, as I told her, and had it been \$5.00, as it might have been as well as anybody else's, and I had drawn that Opera House, which I wanted very much, and which I always admired ever since I saw that picture of it at Mr. Pugh's, Mary Jane and I would have been independent; our children, of which we have four, one of them now sick with the sore throat, on account of the salt in the streets, could have dressed up as well as anybody's children, and been respectable; and Mary Jane (foolish woman) could have had bonnets piled up as high as the ceiling, and waterfalls for each one of them. Indeed, I do not know what we could not have had, and I am now puzzling my brains to think what we should have done, even if I had sold it for \$500.00, losing a hundred thousand dollars, which is a big loss, and which has ruined many a richer man than me. I would have bought carriages by the dollar's worth, sewing machines and pianos, and photograph albums by the dozen, and I suppose got them at the trade price; I would have given Mary Jane (foolish and perfidious woman) and all of the children overhoses; and to think for what she sacrificed all this—a ticket to a Cooking School! Well—I can't write any more; I must go out into the cool air, for it wouldn't be safe for Mary Jane to come in just now, for when I think of that Frenchman Blot and that \$5.00, I am overcome!

Oppressively yours, AUGUSTUS QUILLER. P. S. If ever I see that French cook I will settle his hash. A. Q.

Mr. Eddygar:—I wish you'd expose them people as sold tickets to the Opera House drawing in Chicago, via me to understand I wood draw a house, or at least a painting. I paid more nor fifteen dollars for 3 certificates and got a prize.

A Washington paper states that Congressional caucuses are but nominal things—forms of proceeding by which the mass are infected with ideas previously concocted in secret conclaves by a few "superior minds," who make the rest act with unanimity in the direction determined upon by them. Thus a cabal, or set of men who may be counted on a few fingers, carry measures that the entire body, acting together as a grand inquest, and receiving propositions from one and another on the spot without previous concert, and deciding summarily and independently upon them, would never adopt.

According to the English Mechanic, many persons in England "cannot write with a steel pen because of its hickering and hisping over the paper." What these vicious qualities are no dictionary explains.

David Parker, the well-known Shaker, died at Shaker Village, Canterbury, N. H., on Sunday last. He was a man of more than common ability, well informed of a genial disposition, and a universal favorite wherever known.

BACKWARD GLANCES.

To-night I turn to trace the years That lead me back to childhood's day; To the first steps on the way, With eyes made dim by falling tears.

As distant hills through autumn air, A glow in sunset's golden shine, Do seem to touch the world divine, And its transitory glory share:

No time, with Memory's mellow light, Has color'd all the past for me; And through my microscope I see Nor cloudy day nor stormy night.

O years, roll back, that I may see That mossy-roofed house on meadow run, With walls made sturdy by sun and sun. Which then was all the world to me!

My soul cries out for that home-land, Its well-belov'd ones, severed wide, Ah! I have cross'd the darkness tide To far-off shores of summer-land.

No minstrel's dream nor limer's art, In amber tints of mystic light, Could paint the picture that to-night Has lit old heart-fires in my sight.

Why come these dreams this New Year's eve? (O cease, lest long and vanished joy Sweet dreams of childhood's light will destroy, And leave my heart to sigh and grieve.)

O, could I read that backward way! Unwind the slack'ning threads of time, Restore the lost—youth's flow'ry prime, My life would be one golden day!

The Aerie." Wissahickon, December 31, 1886.

The Reigning Families of Europe. BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES IN 1886—FORTY SOVEREIGNS AND THEIR HEIRS.

The study of the Almanach de Gotha has, says the Berlin correspondent of the Times, been rarely so interesting as in the present year, the past having been uncommonly fertile in family and political events affecting the illustrious subjects of the thy yet so weighty volume.

Sixteen deaths are recorded in the sovereign families of Europe, eight of the male sex and eight females, viz.:—The Landgrave Ferdinand of Hesse-Homburg, last of his race, whose patrimony devolved upon Hesse-Darmstadt, and has since been conquered by Prussia; Don Miguel of Portugal, great uncle of the King; Prince Otto of Italy, son of the King; Prince Louis Philippe of Conde, son of the Duke of Anjou, 21 years of age; Prince Anton, of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, aged 25; Prince Henry XII, Reuss, junior branch; Prince Sigismund, of Prussia, son of the Crown Prince, two years old, and the youngest son of the Queen of Spain, only three weeks old.

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Of Cardinals, five have died—Seytowsky, Archbishop of Gran and Primate of Hungary; Goussek, Archbishop of Rheims; Balussi, Bishop of Imola; Matteucci and Tusti.

The births number eight Princes and five Princesses. Sons were born to the Sultan, to the Queen of Spain (since deceased), to the Infante Sebastian of Spain, to the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, to the Duke of Montpensier, to the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to the Prince of Tuscany, and to the Prince August of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (married to a daughter of the Emperor of the Brazils). Daughters were born to the Crown Prince of Prussia, to the Prince of Naples, to Prince Ludwig of Hesse-Darmstadt, to Prince Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg, and to Prince Henry XV, Reuss (junior line).

Four marriages were celebrated. The Grand Duke Constantine of Russia married the Princess Dagmar of Denmark; Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg to Princess Helena of Great Britain; Prince Teck to Princess Mary of Cambridge; and Prince William of Nassau, son of the ex-Elector of Cassel, to Princess Elizabeth of Schaumburg-Lippe.

By the death of the Landgrave of Hesse-Homburg, and the dethronement of the King of Hanover, the Emperor of Russia succeeded to the throne of the Princess Dagmar of Denmark; Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg to Princess Helena of Great Britain; Prince Teck to Princess Mary of Cambridge; and Prince William of Nassau, son of the ex-Elector of Cassel, to Princess Elizabeth of Schaumburg-Lippe.

The longest reign is that of the Prince of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, who, including the years of his minority, has held the sceptre for 58 years. The Duke of Anhalt, the next in seniority, has been a sovereign for 49 years. Four have reigned between 30 and 40, five between 20 and 30, fourteen between 10 and 20, and all the others, fifteen in number, have succeeded to their thrones within the last ten years—one of them, the Duke of Saxe-Meininger, in 1866. The average length of reign amounts to sixteen years. Fifteen have reigned twenty and six sovereigns have never been married, with the Pope, the Kings of Bavaria and Greece, the Duke of Brunswick, the Princes of Lichtenstein and Leiningen, the King of the Netherlands, the King of Italy, the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin (the latter for the second time), the Duke of Anhalt, the Prince of Monaco, are widowers. The Prince of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt has a morganatic wife, and the Sultan many wives. Twenty-four Christian sovereigns, and the Queen of Spain, are married to members of royal families, one of them for the second time. Of their consorts, the eldest are: Princess of Reuss-Schleitz and the Queen of Saxony, both passed 60. One is between 50 and 60, eleven between 40 and 50, five between 30 and 40, four between 20 and 30, the youngest, the Queen of Portugal, is 19. The average is rather above 40 years.

The successors of twenty-four sovereigns are sons. One, the Emperor of the Brazils, will be succeeded by a daughter; eight (including the Kings of Bavaria, Greece and Italy) by their brothers; three (including the Sultan) by other relatives; two, the Dukes of Brunswick and Reuss (senior line), are the last of their race. The Pope has no objective successor, and the Emperor of Mexico no successor at all. Of the thirty-seven heirs to thrones, the oldest, Prince of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, is 68 years of age. The three youngest, the Crown Princes of Belgium, Portugal and Saxe-Coburg, are respectively 73, 74, and 14 years. The average, in this section of the Almanach, is 40 years. Of the heirs (exclusive of the Turkish Crown Prince, whoever that may be), 12 are married; one, the eldest, is a widow, the oldest is Prince Louis, 54 years of age; the youngest, the Crown Princess of Russia, just 19.

Swiss Railroads.—To facilitate the establishment of railroads in Switzerland the cantons have accorded them exemptions from all taxes, and the Confederation, on its side, admits free of duty the materials required for their construction—a privilege which is equal to an annual subvention of 280,000.

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City of Philadelphia 4 per cent bonds, 15,000.00

City of Pittsburgh 5 per cent bonds, 7,000.00

Camden and Amboy Railroad 6 per cent coupon bonds, 3,500.00

Camden and Amboy Railroad mortgage bonds, 1,000.00

Pennsylvania Railroad first mortgage bonds, 1,000.00

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88 " Farmers and Merchants' Bank, 1,760.00

169 " Phoenix Mutual Insurance Co., 3,380.00

20 " Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 400.00

\$420 scrip Union Mutual Insurance Co., 8,400.00

\$240 scrip North Pennsylvania Railroad, 4,800.00

\$1800 Union Mutual Insurance Co., 3,600.00

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\$100,000 United States 5 Per Cent Loan, 1871, 100,000.00

120,000 Three Per Cent U. S. Bonds, 1881, 120,000.00

200,000 United States 5 Per Cent Bonds, 1881, 200,000.00

125,000 City of Philadelphia 5 Per Cent Bonds, 125,000.00

50,000 State of Pennsylvania 6 Per Cent Bonds, 50,000.00

40,000 City of New Jersey 5 Per Cent Bonds, 40,000.00

30,000 Pennsylvania Railroad 6 Per Cent Bonds, 30,000.00

25,000 Western Pennsylvania Railroad 6 Per Cent Bonds, 25,000.00

20,000 Pennsylvania Railroad 6 Per Cent Bonds, 20,000.00

15,000 City of Philadelphia 4 Per Cent Bonds, 15,000.00

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